	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/055,135	EVANS, GLENN F.
	Examiner	**Art Unit**	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the amendment filed on 07/26/2005*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1, 17, 22 now renumberred as claims 1-3.*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:

        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * Certified copies not received: _____ .

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

        Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

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Examiner's Amendment

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no lather than the

payment of the issue fee.

2.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Lance R. Sadler (Registration number: 38,605) on 09/30/2005.

3.   Amend the following claims:

        (I)   In claim 1:

                1. A system comprising:

                processor;

                an event prediction module operably associated with multiple media content

samples that are to be rendered for a user, wherein the event prediction module comprises

an event list that stores information associated with events and associated event rendition

times, and the event prediction module being configured to:

                receive event notification requests from an application pertaining to events

associated with the media content samples;

                predict the rendition times associated with the individual events by taking into

account one or more presentation rates that define a rate at which individual media

content samples are to be rendered;

                generate event notifications in accordance with their predicted rendition times by

performing linear interpolation; and

send the event notifications to an application.

(II). Cancel claims 2-5

(III). In claim 17

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

receiving an event notification request from an application, the event notification request requesting a notification pertaining to events associated with one or more media content samples that are to be rendered;

storing information associated with events and associated event rendition times in an event list;

predicting rendition times associated with the individual events, wherein the act of predicting is accomplished, at least in part, by taking into account one or more presentation rates at which individual content samples are to be rendered and by performing at least one linear interpolation; and

sending at least one event notification to the application responsive to an associated event having been predicted to occur at a particular rendition time.

IV.   Cancel claims 18-21

V.   In claim 22

22.   (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable

instructions thereon which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or

more processors to:

receive an event notification request from an application, the event notification

request requesting a notification pertaining to events associated with one or more media

content samples that are to be rendered;

store information associated with events and associated event rendition times in

an event list;

predict rendition times associated with the individual events, wherein prediction

of rendition times is accomplished, at least in part, by taking into account one or more

presentation rates at which individual content samples are to be rendered and by

performing at least one linear interpolation; and

send at least one event notification to the application responsive to an associated

event having been predicted to occur at a particular rendition time.

VI.   Cancel claims 23-24

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272 3767. The

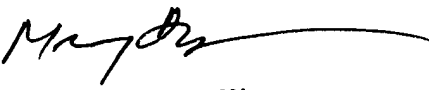examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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